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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: S. 1035 - Conversation with Mr. Charles Johnson

1. Met with Mr. Charles Johnson, Chief Counsel and Staff Director, House Post Office and Civil Service Committee, who advised that he is getting some indication of pressure in the Henderson Manpower Subcommittee against exemption of CIA, NSA and the Bureau. He reiterated that the Chairman is still opposed personally to reporting a bill by the Committee, but appears to feel now that he may have to report a measure. Mr. Johnson does not feel that Mr. Henderson will report S. 1035 itself, but rather that he will report a new bill.

2. We reviewed our earlier discussions, as well as the discussion he and Mr. Bun Bray had with Colonel White when they visited Headquarters, and I reaffirmed that the Director would make himself available as a witness. In this regard Mr. Johnson indicated that at such time as the hearings are actually scheduled it might be well to sit down with Representative Henderson and possibly Representative Gross.

3. Mr. Johnson feels that sufficient pressure has been built up that Mr. Henderson will not be able to avoid hearings even though he will, in all probability, delay the start of hearings until at least mid-June and then continue the hearings for as long as his members desire any further hearing or review of the subject matter.


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